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YUKON MONTHLY STATISTICAL REVIEW

January 2009

The most current statistics available on the state of the Yukon's economy.

1. Population

The Yukon's population as of December 2008 was **33,928**. One year previous to that, in December 2007, the population was **32,714**. The difference is an **increase of 1,214** individuals, or **3.7%**, in the Yukon's population.

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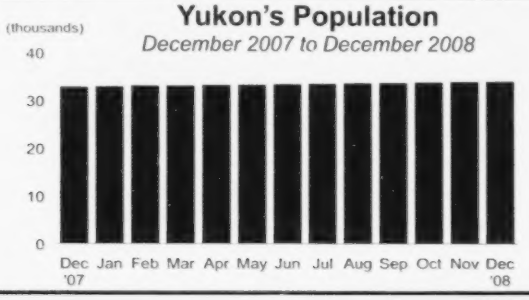
Yukon's Population

December 2007 to December 2008



2. Employment

The number of people employed in the Yukon as of January 2009 was **16,800** (seasonally adjusted). This is a decrease of 300 from the December 2008 figure and a decrease of 100 from the January 2008 figure.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Yukon as of January 2009 was **6.1%**. One year ago, in January 2008, the rate was **5.0%**.

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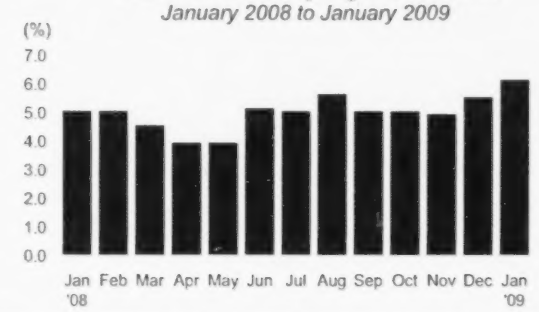
Yukon's Unemployment Rate

January 2008 to January 2009



3. Inflation

The annual rate of **inflation** in Whitehorse (figures are not available for the Yukon) was **3.0%** as of December 2008. The annual *average* inflation rate in Whitehorse for 2008 was **3.6%**.

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4. Rental Units

The median rent (half the rents are higher and half the rents are lower) in Whitehorse as of December 2008 was **$750**. This is an increase of $50 or 7.1% compared to December 2007. The vacancy rate for Whitehorse as of December 2008 was **2.4%**. This is 0.4 percentage points lower than in December 2007.

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5. Real Estate

The total value of real estate transactions in the Yukon for the third quarter of 2008 (July, August and September) was $65,912,500. This is a **decrease of $3,403,200, or 4.9%**, from the third quarter of 2007 ($69,315,700).

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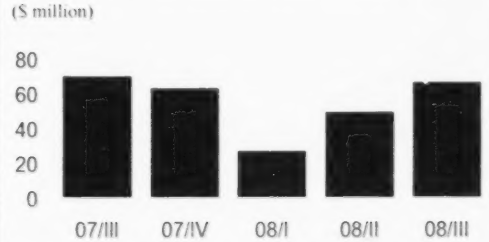
Yukon's Real Estate Transactions

Third Quarter 2007 to Third Quarter 2008



6. Construction

The value of building permits issued in the Yukon for December 2008 was **$915,000**. One year ago, in December 2007, the value was **$4,648,000**. This represents a decrease of $3,733,000, or 80.3%.

On an annual basis, comparing 2008 to 2007, the value of building permits issued in the Yukon has decreased $25,514,000, or 26.4%.

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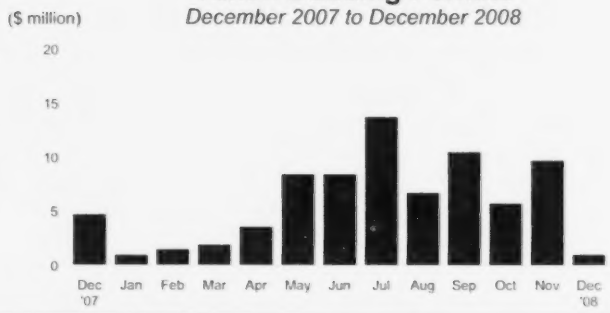
Yukon Building Permits
December 2007 to December 2008



7. Resources

The commodity price for a troy ounce of gold, in Canadian dollars, was **$1,135.63** as of January 30th, 2009 on the London Exchange. One year ago, the commodity price was **925.78**. The difference is an **increase of $209.85**, or **22.7%**, in the commodity price of a troy ounce of gold.

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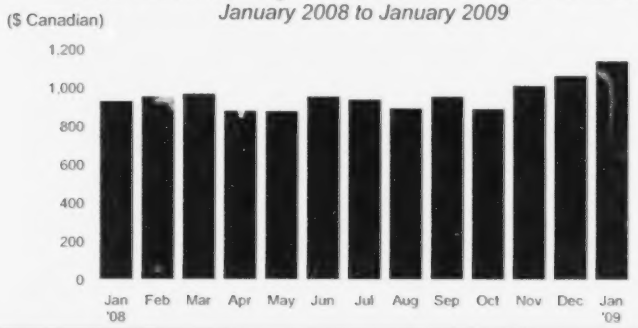
The Commodity Price of an Ounce of Gold
January 2008 to January 2009



8. Retail & Wholesale Trade

The preliminary value of retail trade in the Yukon for November 2008 was **$39,565,000**. This figure is a **decrease of $569,000**, or **1.4%**, from the value of retail trade one year earlier, in November 2007.

Comparing the preliminary value for November 2008 with the value for November 2007, wholesale sales have **decreased by $7,457,000**, or **44.9%**, from **$16,594,000** to **$9,137,000**.

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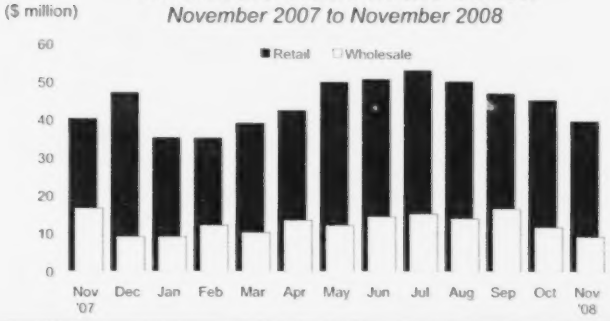
Monthly Retail and Wholesale Trade in the Yukon
November 2007 to November 2008



9. Travellers

The number of travellers entering the Yukon by land at Canada Customs points of entry in December 2008 was **3,284**. This is a **decrease of 1,094** travellers, or **25.0%**, from the December 2007 figure of **4,378**.

The number of travellers from January through December 2008 was **389,442**, compared with 415,188 for the same time period in 2007. This represents a **decrease of 25,746 travellers, or 6.2%**.

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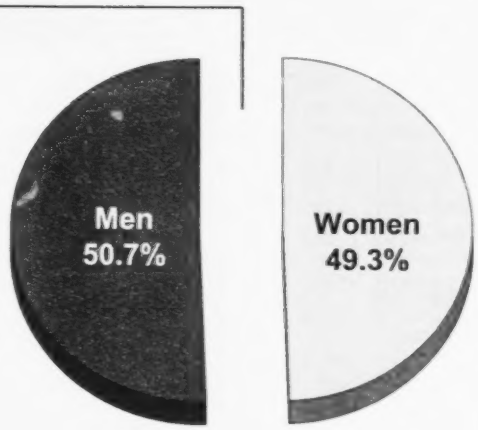
Travellers Entering the Yukon by Land Through Canada Customs Points of Entry
December 2007 to December 2008

1. Population

1.1 Yukon population by age & sex

December 2008

	Total	Male	Female
0-4	1,892	977	915
5-9	1,835	919	916
10-14	1,996	1,023	973
15-19	2,388	1,254	1,134
20-24	2,394	1,168	1,226
25-29	2,335	1,178	1,157
30-34	2,286	1,062	1,224
35-39	2,503	1,213	1,290
40-44	2,623	1,277	1,346
45-49	3,260	1,597	1,663
50-54	3,151	1,582	1,569
55-59	2,598	1,378	1,220
60-64	1,949	1,092	857
65-69	1,114	645	469
70-74	688	381	307
75+	916	439	477
Total	33,928	17,185	16,743



Source: Yukon Health & Social Services and Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

1.2 Yukon population by community

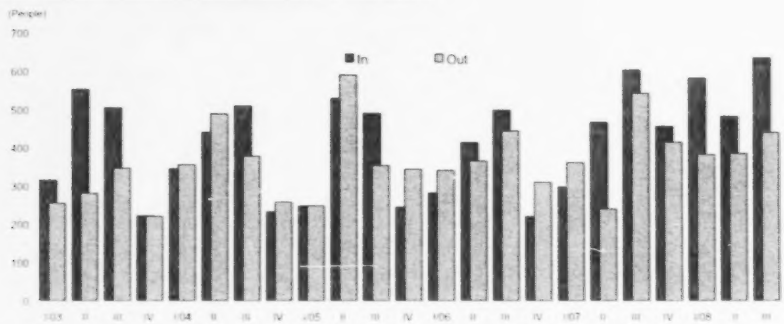
	Dec 2008	June 2008	Dec 2007
Beaver Creek	97	106	99
Burwash Landing	105	101	92
Carcross	436	431	423
Carmacks	472	453	444
Dawson City	1,923	1,889	1,879
Destruction Bay	48	49	55
Faro	395	385	372
Haines Junction	848	818	809
Marsh Lake	422	410	415
Mayo	466	460	423
Old Crow	251	248	256
Pelly Crossing	323	308	294
Ross River	369	383	349
Tagish	221	220	208
Teslin	458	449	426
Watson Lake	1,594	1,596	1,596
Whitehorse	25,403	24,890	24,473
Other*	97	98	101
Yukon	33,928	33,294	32,714

Source: Yukon Health and Social Services, Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

1.3 Yukon births & deaths

	Births	Deaths
2008		
November (p)	31	14
October	34	16
September	40	13
August	33	21
July	22	13
June	22	16
May	34	21
April	23	15
March	31	20
February	28	16
January	24	9
2007		
December	24	10
November	34	13

1.4 Yukon migration estimates*



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **1.1** The December 2008 population of 33,928 is the highest on record. Of the 33,928 people residing in the Yukon, 49.3% were females and 50.7% were males. Persons under the age of 15 accounted for 16.9% of the population, while 8.0% of the population was aged 65 or over.

- **1.2** In December of 2008, 74.9% of the Yukon's population lived in Whitehorse. Thirteen of seventeen communities in the territory showed population increases from December 2007 to December 2008.

- **1.3** In November 2008, preliminary estimates show 3 less births (31) and 1 more death (14) compared to November 2007.

- **1.4** Migration statistics for the Yukon show that for the third quarter of 2008, the number of in-migrants was 635, compared to out-migrants at 440. For the third quarter of 2008, the Yukon experienced a net gain of 195 people.

2. Employment

- **2.1** Comparing January 2008 with January 2009, the following changes can be seen in the Yukon:
  - The labour force remained the same at 17,900.
  - The number of employed Yukoners decreased by 100, or 0.6%, to 16,800.
  - The number of unemployed Yukoners increased by 200, or 22.2%, to 1,100.
  - The unemployment rate increased by 1.1 percentage points to 6.1%.

- **2.2** During January 2009, the Yukon's rate of unemployment (6.1%), was 1.1 percentage points **below** the rate for Canada (7.2%). In January 2008, Yukon's unemployment rate (5.0%) was 0.8 percentage points **lower** than the rate for Canada (5.8%).

- **2.3** Comparing preliminary figures for September 2008 with figures for September 2007, the following changes in government employment in the Yukon have occurred:
  - Total government employment increased by 265, or 4.5%.
  - Federal government employment increased by 9, or 1.4%.
  - Territorial general government employment increased by 161, or 3.7%.
  - Territorial Health & Social Services increased by 4, or 1.2%
  - Municipal employment increased by 91, or 17.7%.

■ 2.1 *Yukon labour force statistics (Seasonally adjusted)**

		Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2009					
January		17,900	16,800	1,100	6.1
2008					
December	(r)	18,200	17,100	1,000	5.5
November	(r)	18,300	17,400	900	4.9
October	(r)	18,100	17,200	900	5.0
September	(r)	17,900	17,000	900	5.0
August		17,900	16,900	1,000	5.6
July		17,900	17,000	900	5.0
June	(r)	17,800	17,000	900	5.1
May	(r)	17,800	17,200	700	3.9
April		17,900	17,100	700	3.9
March	(r)	17,900	17,100	800	4.5
February	(r)	18,100	17,200	900	5.0
January	(r)	17,900	16,900	900	5.0

Source: Statistics Canada. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.2 *Canadian unemployment rates (Seasonally adjusted)*

		Yukon	Canada	Nfld. & Lbdr.	PEI	NS	NB	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	BC
		(%)											
2009													
January		6.1	7.2	14.3	11.9	8.8	8.7	7.7	8.0	4.6	4.1	4.4	6.1
2008													
December	(r)	5.5	6.6	13.7	11.7	8.2	8.6	7.3	7.2	4.3	4.2	4.2	5.3
November	(r)	4.9	6.4	13.7	10.8	7.8	8.7	7.2	7.1	4.2	3.8	3.5	5.0
October	(r)	5.0	6.3	13.8	11.6	7.6	8.9	7.2	6.7	4.3	3.9	3.7	5.2
September	(r)	5.0	6.2	13.5	11.3	7.7	8.1	7.3	6.5	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.7
August	(r)	5.6	6.2	13.7	10.4	8.2	8.4	7.6	6.4	4.0	4.5	3.5	4.4
July	(r)	5.0	6.1	13.5	10.6	6.9	8.7	7.4	6.4	3.7	4.4	3.7	4.5
June	(r)	5.1	6.2	13.2	10.5	7.6	9.7	7.2	6.7	4.2	4.0	3.3	4.5
May	(r)	3.9	6.1	12.7	9.6	8.3	8.7	7.5	6.4	4.2	4.1	3.6	4.5
April	(r)	3.9	6.0	13.2	11.2	7.7	8.4	7.5	6.3	3.8	4.3	3.3	4.4
March	(r)	4.5	6.1	12.7	10.5	7.8	8.6	7.3	6.4	4.4	4.2	3.4	4.4
February	(r)	5.0	5.9	13.0	9.9	7.7	8.3	7.0	6.1	4.2	4.1	3.6	4.2
January	(r)	5.0	5.8	12.4	10.6	7.4	8.4	6.8	6.3	3.8	3.9	3.3	4.1

Source: Statistics Canada.

■ 2.3 *Government employment in the Yukon**

		Total	Federal General	Territorial General	Territorial Health & Social Services	Municipal
2008						
September	(p)	6,105	644	4,515	342	604
August	(p)	5,519	645	3,805	355	714
July	(p)	5,899	644	4,192	365	698
June		6,235	647	4,565	344	679
May		6,053	623	4,486	351	593
April		5,863	607	4,343	343	570
March		5,826	594	4,342	334	556
February		5,879	585	4,288	343	663
January		5,889	586	4,302	357	644
2007						
December		5,759	590	4,292	350	527
November		5,759	587	4,342	357	473
October		5,779	606	4,361	341	471
September		5,840	635	4,354	338	513

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.4 *Average weekly earnings, including overtime**

		Yukon Average	Goods producing	Const.	Service producing	Trade	Transp. & Ware-housing	Accomm. & Food Services	Public Admin.
		($)							
2008									
November	(p)	916.69	1,251.66	1,047.92	868.70	601.64	875.89	601.26	1,018.20
October	(r)	917.63	1,283.07	1,136.34	859.46	599.35	908.21	590.02	1,001.07
September		928.35	1,259.52	1,199.65	881.23	631.47	927.76	680.53	1,008.37
August		904.33	1,223.92	1,120.64	857.03	637.00	889.25	630.04	1,004.40
July		897.86	1,205.31	1,080.02	852.13	608.18	926.89	608.63	1,006.05
June		897.81	1,200.69	1,071.85	856.30	607.34	910.07	592.03	1,023.48
May		884.67	1,165.25	1,021.54	847.36	619.53	920.76	505.93	1,014.12
April		905.17	1,196.86	1,043.30	869.13	595.61	901.47	504.87	1,042.63
March		900.31	1,183.09	998.50	867.05	599.78	901.16	500.01	1,039.17
February		897.40	1,185.21	991.73	862.47	578.91	900.42	522.66	1,018.48
January		894.51	1,199.61	1,042.66	856.88	565.29	899.22	504.90	1,035.37
2007									
December		902.23	1,224.23	1,086.11	851.69	568.66	855.92	515.88	1,030.16
November		905.85	1,218.14	1,073.31	855.01	588.04	872.71	510.51	1,017.83

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Does not include self-employed, please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.5 *Employees by selected industries**

		Total	Goods producing	Const.	Service producing	Trade	Transp. & Ware-housing	Accomm. & Food Services	Public Admin.
		(no.)							
2008									
November	(p)	17,676	2,215	980	15,461	2,367	1,041	1,396	5,636
October	(r)	18,529	2,544	1,072	15,984	2,382	1,051	1,632	5,832
September		19,143	2,385	1,149	16,759	2,375	1,134	2,051	6,039
August		19,027	2,453	1,139	16,574	2,376	1,153	2,238	6,246
July		19,467	2,521	1,144	16,946	2,377	1,181	2,195	6,130
June		19,606	2,363	1,074	17,242	2,461	1,191	2,093	5,989
May		18,453	2,166	989	16,287	2,355	1,134	1,868	5,704
April		16,968	1,866	868	15,102	2,196	1,120	1,308	5,469
March		16,921	1,781	726	15,140	2,176	1,170	1,277	5,385
February		16,774	1,816	753	14,958	2,132	1,173	1,193	5,460
January		16,697	1,833	765	14,864	2,198	1,126	1,216	5,365
2007									
December		17,191	2,332	860	14,859	2,307	1,074	1,235	5,312
November		17,432	2,441	931	14,991	2,306	1,066	1,231	5,381

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Does not include self-employed, please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 2.6 *Employment insurance beneficiaries, by type of benefit, unadjusted*

	Total Beneficiaries*	Regular Beneficiaries	Sickness	Maternity	Parental	Training
2008						
November (p)	1,260	930	60	60	130	70
October	980	700	50	70	120	40
September (r)	760	490	50	70	120	30
August	730	480	60	60	140	0
July	740	480	60	60	140	0
June	740	480	60	60	130	20
May	940	680	50	50	130	30
April	1,260	950	50	60	130	80
March	1,370	1,040	50	50	130	90
February	1,420	1,090	40	50	140	90
January	1,410	1,080	40	50	150	80
2007						
December	1,300	960	50	50	150	80
November	1,090	750	50	50	150	80

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **2.4** Comparing preliminary figures for November 2008 with those of November 2007, the following changes in average weekly earnings can be seen:

- Average weekly wages for the Yukon increased $10.84, or 1.2%.
- Goods-producing industry wages increased $33.52, or 2.8%.
- Construction industry wages decreased $25.39, or 2.4%.
- Service-producing industry wages increased $13.69, or 1.6%.
- Trade industry wages increased $13.60, or 2.3%.
- Transportation and warehousing wages increased $3.18, or 0.4%.
- Accomodation and food services wages increased $90.75 or 17.8%.
- Public administration wages increased $0.37, or 0.0%.

■ **2.5** The preliminary total number of employees in the Yukon in November 2008 (17,676) was 244, or 1.4% lower than the November 2007 figure of 17,432.

■ **2.6** Looking at the different types of employment insurance benefits and comparing November 2008 with November 2007, the following changes have occurred:

- Total beneficiaries increased 170, or 15.6%.
- Regular beneficiaries increased 180, or 24.0%.
- Sickness beneficiaries increased 10, or 20.0%.
- Maternity beneficiaries increased 10, or 20.0%.
- Parental beneficiaries decreased 20, or 13.3%.
- Training beneficiaries decreased 10, or 12.5%.

3. Consumer Prices

■ **3.1** The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices, or what is usually referred to as inflation. Table 3.1 shows that as of December 2008, the annual rate of inflation in Whitehorse was 3.0% (this is 1.8 percentage points higher than the national rate). A year ago, in December 2007, the inflation rate in Whitehorse was 4.0%.

The annual ***average*** *inflation rate in Whitehorse for 2008 was 3.6%.*

■ 3.1 *Consumer price index* (2002 = 100)*

All-Items	Whitehorse		Canada	
	Index	Change from last year	Index	Change from last year
2008				
December	113.9	3.0%	113.3	1.2%
November	114.6	3.5%	114.1	2.0%
October	114.9	4.1%	114.5	2.6%
September	114.8	3.6%	115.7	3.4%
August	115.4	4.4%	115.6	3.5%
July	115.3	4.2%	115.8	3.4%
June	114.6	4.5%	115.4	3.1%
May	113.6	3.7%	114.6	2.2%
April	111.8	2.9%	113.5	1.7%
March	111.0	2.8%	112.6	1.4%
February	110.1	2.6%	112.2	1.8%
January	110.4	3.2%	111.8	2.2%
2007				
December	110.6	4.0%	112.0	2.4%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **3.2** According to the Consumer Price Index, overall food prices in Whitehorse in December 2008 decreased 0.2% when compared with the previous month. Energy costs decreased 10.4% for the same time period. Comparing December 2007 to December 2008, overall food prices increased 7.6%, while energy prices decreased 9.3%.

■ 3.2 *Selected price indices, Whitehorse (2002 = 100)*

	December 2008	November 2008	% change Nov '08 to Dec '08	December 2007	% change Dec '07 to Dec '08
ALL-ITEMS	**113.9**	**114.6**	**-0.6%**	**110.6**	**3.0%**
Food Component	**115.1**	**115.3**	**-0.2%**	**107.0**	**7.6%**
Food purchased from restaurants	121.5	120.2	**1.1%**	116.3	**4.5%**
Food purchased from stores	112.3	113.1	**-0.7%**	103.2	**8.8%**
Meat	105.5	104.9	**0.6%**	101.9	**3.5%**
Dairy products	119.7	121.0	**-1.1%**	113.1	**5.8%**
Bakery and cereal products (excluding infant food)	119.8	122.2	**-2.0%**	110.6	**8.3%**
Fresh fruit	110.2	117.3	**-6.1%**	88.7	**24.2%**
Fresh vegetables	101.2	100.4	**0.8%**	86.2	**17.4%**
Special Aggregates					
Energy	134.0	149.6	**-10.4%**	147.8	**-9.3%**
All-items excluding energy	111.7	111.2	**0.4%**	106.9	**4.5%**
All-items excluding food and energy	110.9	110.2	**0.6%**	106.9	**3.7%**

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ **3.3** The Community Spatial Price Index compares prices in Whitehorse to prices in other Yukon communities. Of all communities surveyed in October 2008, prices in Teslin were the closest to prices in Whitehorse, with Teslin's prices being 7.9% higher than those in Whitehorse. The highest prices of the communities surveyed were found in Old Crow (118.8% higher than Whitehorse).

■ 3.3 *Community spatial price index, October 2008 (Whitehorse = 100)*

	Carmacks	Dawson City	Faro	Haines Junction	Mayo	Teslin	Watson Lake	Old Crow
Total Survey Items (r)	**125.3**	**120.1**	**118.9**	**116.8**	**131.1**	**107.9**	**117.9**	**218.8**
Meat (r)	131.9	113.7	152.2	98.4	125.8	116.3	118.4	162.6
Dairy/Eggs	104.3	115.8	108.1	116.0	114.2	103.8	123.7	163.4
Fruit/Veg.	217.1	122.9	128.3	128.9	158.3	118.2	131.3	314.8
Bread/Cereal	107.6	131.9	106.2	126.2	124.1	106.1	127.1	234.8
Other Foods	110.1	120.5	122.6	119.8	141.0	98.8	106.1	183.8
Household Operations (r)	99.3	112.8	104.2	108.3	150.3	104.6	108.5	274.1
Health & Personal Care	175.1	173.8	166.5	211.5	146.0	201.2	148.8	188.5
Gasoline	107.5	116.7	n/a	100.2	113.5	96.4	101.6	n/a
Cigarettes	109.5	102.8	103.3	105.6	114.0	106.0	131.4	144.4

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

4. Rental Units

■ 4.1 *Median rent, all units**

	Whitehorse Total	Whitehorse: Downtown	Granger	Hillcrest*	Porter Creek	Riverdale	Takhini	Watson Lake	Dawson City
					($)				
2008									
December	750	725	700	675	725	800	650	775	650
September	725	700	700	680	725	800	600	775	650
June	700	680	700	700	650	750	600	675	650
March	700	680	700	700	650	725	600	675	650
2007									
December	700	680	700	700	650	725	600	675	625

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 4.2 *Vacancy rate, all units**

	Whitehorse Total	Whitehorse: Downtown	Granger	Hillcrest*	Porter Creek	Riverdale	Takhini	Watson Lake	Dawson City
					(%)				
2008									
December	2.4	2.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.6	5.9	14.3	0.0
September	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	5.9	2.9	0.0
June	1.9	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	3.9	0.0	0.0
March	4.1	3.5	0.0	4.2	4.3	5.6	0.0	2.9	0.0
2007									
December	2.8	2.9	0.0	5.6	4.3	2.6	0.0	11.4	0.0

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

- **4.1** Comparing December 2008 to December 2007, median rents in Whitehorse have changed in the following ways:
  - The overall median rent in Whitehorse increased $50, or 7.1%.
  - Downtown, the median rent increased $45, or 6.6%.
  - In Granger, the median rent remained the same at $700.
  - In Porter Creek, the median rent increased $75, or 11.5%.
  - In Riverdale, the median rent increased $75, or 10.3%.
  - In Takhini, the median rent increased $50, or 8.3%.
- **4.2** The overall Whitehorse vacancy rate in December 2008 (2.4%) decreased 0.4 percentage points from December 2007 and increased 0.4 percentage points from September 2008.

5. Real Estate

■ 5.1 *Value of real estate transactions**

	Yukon	Whitehorse	Other
	($000)		
2008			
Q3	65,912.5	55,814.7	10,097.9
Q2	48,643.0	38,686.7	9,956.3
Q1	26,185.6	21,888.8	4,296.8
2007			
Q4	62,410.0	52,731.6	9,678.4
Q3	69,315.7	60,521.3	8,794.4

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 5.2 *Number & value of real estate transactions in Whitehorse*

	Total*	Single Houses	Family Lots*	Mobile Homes	Condos	Duplexes	Multiple-Residential	Commercial Property	Industrial Property
Value of Real Estate Transactions					($000)				
2008									
Q3	55,814.7	39,246.9	x	4,455.0	5,532.4	5,300.3	x	0	0
Q2	38,686.7	28,468.2	888.6	2,540.9	1,727.5	2,768.0	x	x	x
Q1	21,888.8	14,424.3	1,069.0	1,493.0	2,680.3	940.0	x	x	777.3
2007									
Q4	52,731.6	25,811.7	2,074.3	2,119.5	6,032.4	2,050.3	0	12,833.1	1,810.2
Q3	60,521.3	35,981.6	2,487.2	2,429.4	2,159.8	2,587.5	1,350.0	12,258.0	1,267.8
Number of Real Estate Transactions					(no.)				
2008									
Q3	189	119	x	23	22	22	x	0	0
Q2	128	85	6	13	7	12	x	x	x
Q1	90	48	11	7	13	4	x	x	5
2007									
Q4	178	88	22	12	28	10	0	15	3
Q3	207	121	27	15	11	13	4	11	5

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.
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- **5.1** Comparing third quarter 2008 figures with third quarter 2007 figures, real estate transactions have:
  - decreased $3.4 million, or 4.9%, in the Yukon;
  - decreased $4.7 million, or 7.8%, in Whitehorse;
  - increased $1.3 million, or 14.8%, in the areas outside of Whitehorse.
- **5.2** The average selling price for a single house in Whitehorse increased by $32,400, or 10.9%, from the third quarter of 2007 ($297,400) to the third quarter of 2008 ($329,800).

6. Construction

- **6.1** For the Yukon, the total value of building permits issued in December 2008 ($915,000) was $3,733,000 or 80.3%, lower than the December 2007 figure of $4,648,000.

Note: In addition to new dwelling units, residential permits issued include renovations, garages and additions. "Total permits" does not include plumbing or stove permits issued.

- **6.2** Comparing total residential permits issued in December 2008 with December 2007, the following changes have occurred in the Yukon:
  - The number of permits issued for new dwelling units decreased from 15 to 3.
  - Other residential permits issued (*renovations, garages and additions) decreased from 69 to 37.
- **6.3** For Whitehorse, the total value of building permits issued in December 2008 ($367,000) was $1,855,000 or 83.5% lower than the December 2007 figure of 2,222,000.

Note: No permits were issued for any new residences in December 2008. A commercial demolition permit was issued for the the Pioneer Inn.

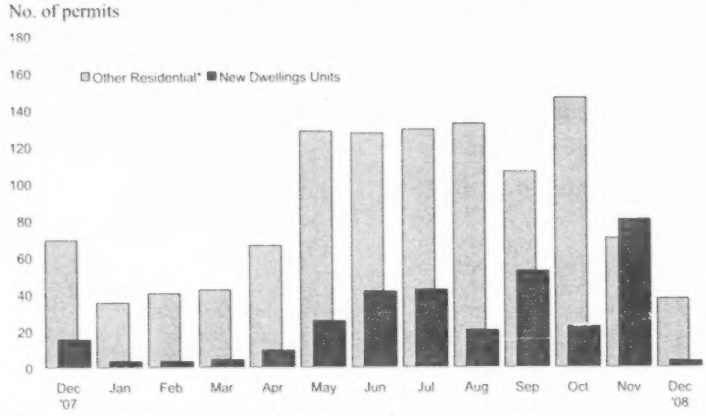
"Total permits" does not include plumbing or wood stove permits issued.

6.1 *Yukon building permits, number and value**

	Total		Residential		Industrial		Government/ Institutional		Commercial	
	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)
2008										
December	47	915	40	771	0	0	0	0	7	144
November	172	9,636	149	8,360	8	359	11	608	4	309
October	187	5,667	168	3,502	5	1,157	5	625	9	383
September	182	10,331	158	7,962	6	174	7	457	11	1,738
August	171	6,645	152	4,065	0	0	11	2,444	8	136
July	220	13,685	171	7,726	7	671	8	1,212	34	4,076
June	188	8,366	168	7,015	2	338	12	740	6	275
May	185	8,362	153	4,741	8	1,089	7	610	17	1,922
April	85	3,515	75	2,199	0	0	5	259	5	1,057
March	63	1,847	46	816	1	100	5	331	11	600
February	51	1,431	43	589	0	0	4	532	4	310
January	49	901	38	825	1	7	1	5	9	64
2007										
December	100	4,648	84	2,942	1	50	8	181	7	1,475

Source: Government of Yukon, Department of Community Services. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

6.2 *Yukon residential building permits*



Source: Government of Yukon, Department of Community Services.

6.3 *Whitehorse building permits, number and value**

	Total		Residential		Multi-Residential		Industrial		Government/ Institutional		Commercial	
	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)	(no.)	($000)
2008												
December	26	367	21	229	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	135
November	130	8,460	102	3,962	15	3,752	8	359	3	181	2	206
October	125	2,735	113	1,911	1	20	4	208	1	240	6	356
September	99	5,860	87	2,841	4	1,360	3	34	0	0	5	1,625
August	112	2,642	104	2,077	0	0	0	0	5	534	3	32
July	142	8,558	116	3,226	4	1,480	4	618	2	100	16	3,134
June	126	4,786	119	3,496	3	315	2	338	1	417	1	221
May	106	6,024	85	2,915	1	0	7	914	3	610	10	1,584
April	52	2,667	47	1,579	1	31	0	0	0	0	4	1,057
March	47	1,407	30	535	2	5	1	100	4	217	10	550
February	43	1,158	35	464	1	3	0	0	3	382	4	310
January	22	553	13	488	0	0	1	7	0	0	8	59
2007												
December	59	2,222	51	630	0	0	1	50	1	82	6	1,460

Source: City of Whitehorse. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

7. Resources

■ 7.1 *London metal commodity prices**

	Gold		Silver		Lead		Zinc		Copper	
	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $	Can. $	U.S. $
	($/troy oz)				($/kg)					
2009										
January	1,135.63	918.50	15.47	12.51	1.4243	1.1520	1.3316	1.0770	3.8403	3.1060
2008										
December	1,059.28	865.00	13.21	10.79	1.1621	0.9490	1.3722	1.1205	3.5538	2.9020
November	1,006.46	813.50	12.52	10.12	1.3362	1.0800	1.4661	1.1850	4.4304	3.5810
October	886.22	728.50	11.29	9.28	1.7870	1.4690	1.3272	1.0910	4.8599	3.9950
September	950.73	897.00	13.74	12.96	1.9089	1.8010	1.7488	1.6500	6.8035	6.4190
August	888.86	836.50	14.62	13.76	2.0816	1.9590	1.8282	1.7205	7.9801	7.5100
July	935.44	912.00	17.93	17.48	2.2873	2.2300	1.9555	1.9065	8.4728	8.2605
June	950.10	932.75	17.98	17.65	1.7678	1.7355	1.9099	1.8750	8.9387	8.7755
May	874.40	879.50	16.75	16.85	1.9287	1.9400	1.9680	1.9795	8.0580	8.1050
April	875.99	867.75	16.63	16.47	2.7060	2.6805	2.2164	2.1955	8.7372	8.6550
March	963.40	937.25	18.49	17.99	2.8709	2.7930	2.3673	2.3030	8.7577	8.5200
February	949.43	969.00	19.22	19.62	3.3254	3.3940	2.6660	2.7210	8.3680	8.5405
January	925.78	923.75	16.78	16.74	2.7475	2.7415	2.3973	2.3920	7.1863	7.1705

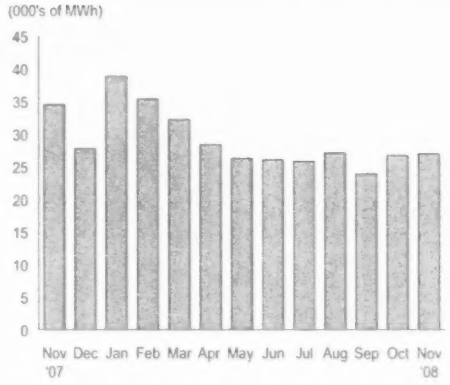
Source: London Bullion Market Association and London Metal Exchange. Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 7.2 *Electricity generated, Yukon*

	Total	Hydro	Internal Combustion	Wind
	(MWh)			
2008				
November	26,906	24,782	2,124	0
October	26,663	24,696	1,967	0
September	23,882	22,177	1,705	0
August	27,052	25,450	1,583	19
July	25,801	24,138	1,592	71
June	26,069	24,392	1,637	40
May	26,298	24,236	1,887	175
April	28,359	26,489	1,870	0
March	32,178	30,138	2,015	25
February	35,331	32,992	2,339	0
January	38,799	36,825	1,974	0
2007				
December	27,761	25,101	2,660	..
November	34,506	32,423	2,083	..

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 7.3 *Electricity generated, Yukon*



■ 7.4 *Petroleum product domestic sales, Yukon*

	Total*	Aviation Gasoline*	Motor Gasoline	Aviation Turbo Fuel	Stove Oil Kerosene	Diesel Fuel Oil	Light Fuel Oil	Lube Oils & Greases
	(cubic metres)							
2008								
October	9,846	77	1,543	1,269	1,644	4,624	653	34
September	10,433	82	2,068	1,392	1,105	5,040	684	61
August	8,964	113	2,376	727	249	5,157	299	43
July	9,273	130	2,002	1,127	206	5,607	160	41
June	7,734	172	1,842	1,440	233	3,840	186	21
May	7,531	114	1,441	963	539	4,170	244	60
April	6,605	37	1,097	1,445	1,326	2,141	499	60
March	10,151	27	1,389	1,239	1,981	4,813	671	30
February	11,645	15	1,294	1,222	3,292	4,536	1,244	40
January	9,956	13	1,353	856	3,025	3,546	1,137	26
2007								
December	8,219	7	1,200	1,027	2,376	2,577	987	44
November	7,301	47	1,197	845	1,634	2,950	604	23
October	11,390	77	1,941	1,165	2,246	5,264	637	58

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ **7.1** From January 2008 to January 2009, the metal commodity prices (in Canadian funds) have changed as follows:

- Gold increased $209.85 per troy ounce, or 22.7%.
- Silver decreased $1.31 per troy ounce, or 7.8%.
- Lead decreased $1.32 per kilogram, or 48.2%.
- Zinc decreased $1.07 per kilogram, or 44.5%.
- Copper decreased $3.35 per kilogram, or 46.6%.

■ **7.2 & 7.3** Comparing November 2008 with November 2007, electricity generated in the Yukon has decreased from 34,506 MWh to 26,906 MWh. This represents a decrease of 7,600 MWh, or 22.0%.

Note: *Wind generation is now being released as a separate category, with data available back to January 2008. Prior to this change, wind generation was included in hydro.*

■ **7.4** Comparing figures for petroleum sales (m^3) in October 2008 with figures for October 2007, the following changes have occurred:

- Total petroleum product sales, by volume, decreased 13.6%.
- Aviation gasoline sales remained the same at 77 cubic metres.
- Motor gasoline sales decreased 20.5%.
- Aviation turbo fuel sales increased 8.9%.
- Diesel fuel oil sales decreased 12.2%.
- Light fuel oil sales increased 2.5%.

8. Trade

- **8.1** Comparing preliminary retail trade value for November 2008 to November 2007, sales have decreased by $569,000, or 1.4%. Comparing Jan-Nov 2008 totals with Jan-Nov 2007, retail sales have increased by $32,919,000, or 7.3%.

- **8.2** Comparing preliminary wholesale trade value for November 2008 to November 2007, sales have decreased by $7,457,000, or 44.9%. Comparing Jan-Nov 2008 totals with Jan-Nov 2007, wholesale sales have increased by $6,554,000, or 5.0%.

- **8.4** Comparing figures for January 2009 with January 2008, interest rates have changed as follows:
  - The bank rate has decreased 3.00 percentage points to 1.25%.
  - The prime business rate has decreased 2.75 percentage points to 3.00%.
  - The conventional mortgage rate (5-year) has decreased 1.60 percentage points to 5.79%.

- **8.5 & 8.6** Total preliminary food services and drinking places receipts for October 2008 were $3,776,000. This was up $572,000, or 17.9%, compared to the October 2007 figure of $3,204,000.

  On an annual basis, in 2007 receipts totalled $45,446,000. This was up $819,000, or 1.8%, compared with the 2006 annual figure of $44,627,000.

■ 8.1 *Retail sales, Yukon*

		Total Sales ($000)	Change From Same Month Last Year (%)
2008			
November	(p)	39,565	-1.4
October	(r)	45,086	6.4
September		46,825	9.0
August		49,963	3.0
July		52,883	12.1
June		50,560	2.3
May		49,846	9.2
April		42,343	11.7
March		38,910	9.0
February		35,022	6.2
January		35,101	15.6
2007			
December		47,083	9.9
November		40,134	19.4

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

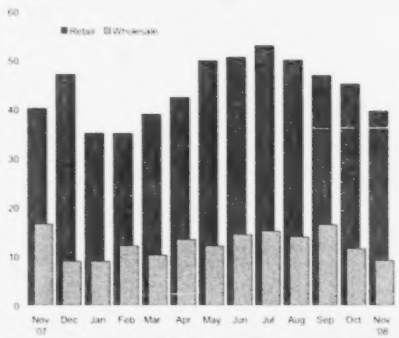
■ 8.2 *Wholesale sales, Yukon*

		Total Sales ($000)	Change From Same Month Last Year (%)
2008			
November	(p)	9,137	-44.9
October	(r)	11,593	0.6
September		16,481	9.3
August		13,983	-8.7
July		15,110	7.3
June		14,421	17.1
May		12,094	-2.1
April		13,453	80.1
March		10,216	-3.2
February		12,146	64.7
January		9,027	6.9
2007			
December		9,020	-0.3
November		16,594	143.5

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.

■ 8.3 *Retail & wholesale, Yukon*

($ million)



8.4 *Selected interest rates*

	Bank Rate*	Prime Business	5-year Mortgage
	(%)		
2009			
January	1.25	3.00	5.79
2008			
December	1.75	3.50	6.75
November	2.50	4.00	7.20
October	2.50	4.00	7.20
September	3.25	4.75	6.85
August	3.25	4.75	6.85
July	3.25	4.75	7.15
June	3.25	4.75	7.15
May	3.25	4.75	6.65
April	3.25	4.75	6.99
March	3.75	5.25	7.19
February	4.25	5.75	7.29
January	4.25	5.75	7.39

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
*Please see table footnotes on page 12.

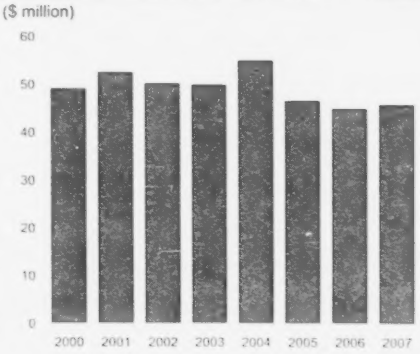
■ 8.5 *Food services and drinking places receipts, Yukon*

		($000)	% Change From Same Month Last Year
2008			
October	(p)	3,776	17.9%
September	(r)	3,960	2.7%
August		4,520	-2.8%
July		4,602	-9.8%
June		4,152	-11.8%
May		3,912	-8.5%
April		3,236	-11.7%
March		3,011	-30.6%
February		2,743	-3.8%
January		2,660	1.7%
2007			
December		3,174	-0.3%
November		3,007	3.4%
October		3,204	-8.7%

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM.
*Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 8.6 *Food services and drinking places receipts, Yukon*

($ million)



9. Transportation

■ 9.1 *Travellers entering Yukon by land through Canada Customs**

	Total	Yukon Residents	Other Canadians	US Residents	Other Foreign Travellers
2008	**389,442**	**39,794**	**25,644**	**293,058**	**30,946**
December	3,284	802	116	2,345	21
November	4,313	1,092	75	3,120	26
October	7,808	2,055	347	5,242	164
September	48,901	4,146	2,055	38,040	4,660
August	87,834	7,591	6,352	66,380	7,511
July	92,577	6,673	8,175	70,800	6,929
June	79,014	5,188	5,940	60,457	7,429
May	43,815	5,564	1,795	32,511	3,945
April	7,446	2,492	298	4,554	102
March	6,957	2,141	269	4,461	86
February	3,871	1,032	120	2,673	46
January	3,622	1,018	102	2,475	27
2007	**415,188**	**32,630**	**32,140**	**320,819**	**29,599**
December	4,378	1,037	184	3,141	16

Source: Yukon Bureau of Statistics. *Please see table footnotes on page 12.

■ 9.2 *Aircraft movements, Yukon communities*

	Beaver Creek	Burwash Landing	Dawson City	Faro	Mayo	Old Crow	Teslin	Watson Lake	Whitehorse
	(no. of movements)								
2008									
September	88	49	543	218	794	139	62	551	1,849
August	46	64	892	198	807	116	51	733	2,513
July	13	177	1,090	172	654	165	81	606	2,797
June	37	273	957	132	533	211	88	545	3,275
May	44	70	475	204	127	70	31	364	3,662
April	8	5	208	309	45	54	14	217	2,830
March	15	14	202	137	38	149	14	149	2,192
February	9	4	133	16	26	45	2	111	1,515
January	12	2	77	20	8	36	23	98	1,350
2007									
December	24	4	97	8	11	121	10	92	1,157
November	7	6	189	13	146	50	2	98	1,929
October	34	18	203	84	687	94	.	284	1,636
September	15	54	497	302	1,033	132	..	614	2,153
	(no. of days reporting)								
2008									
September	21	13	30	25	30	26	22	30	30
August	17	17	31	28	31	29	22	31	31
July	8	25	31	27	31	30	25	31	31
June	12	30	30	23	30	29	22	30	30
May	15	22	31	26	21	25	13	31	31
April	3	4	28	27	14	23	6	30	30
March	5	3	27	17	13	24	5	30	31
February	3	2	25	6	10	17	1	21	29
January	6	1	19	7	3	18	8	22	31
2007									
December	5	3	22	4	5	24	4	29	31
November	2	3	28	6	18	21	1	23	30
October	10	5	28	16	30	25	..	29	31
September	8	16	30	30	30	27	..	30	30

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM and Aviation Statistics Centre.

■ **9.1** The number of visitors entering the Yukon by land from January to December 2008 was 389,442, compared to 415,188 for the same time period in 2007. This represents a decrease of 25,746 travellers, or 6.2%.

Comparing December 2008 numbers with December 2007, the following changes occurred:

- The total number of travellers decreased by 1,094, or 25.0%.
- Yukon resident travellers decreased by 235, or 22.7%.
- Other Canadian travellers decreased by 68, or 37.0%.
- U.S. travellers decreased by 796 or 25.3%.
- Other foreign travellers increased by 5, or 31.3%.

■ **9.2** Comparing September 2008 with September 2007, the number of aircraft movements in Whitehorse decreased by 304 flights, or 14.1%.

On an annual basis for Whitehorse, in 2007 there were 27,692 flights compared to 27,525 in 2006. This represents an increase of 167 flights, or 0.6%, in 2007.

In the other Yukon communites, comparisons between prior months or years should be used with caution because of incomplete data due to inconsistency in the number of days reporting.

Footnotes

1. Population

1.2 'Other' includes communities such as Champagne, Elsa, Johnson's Crossing, Keno City, Stewart Crossing & Swift River.

1.4 Migration estimates are based on both international and interprovincial movement into and out of the Yukon, as well as returning emigrants, temporary emigrants and non-permanent residents.

2. Employment

2.1 Yukon figures are rounded to the nearest hundred; because of this, figures may not sum to totals. All Yukon figures from the Labour Force Survey are three-month moving averages based on 92% coverage.

2.3 Territorial general government employment includes employees of all Yukon Government departments, as well as employees of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health & Safety Board, etc.

2.3 Territorial Health & Social Services includes employees at Whitehorse General Hospital, Alexander MacDonald Lodge, Children's Receiving Home and Assessment, Detoxification Centre, group homes, Norman D. Macaulay Lodge, Northern Network of Services, Copper Ridge Place and the Thomson Centre. Yukon Liquor Corp. and Yukon Development Corp./Yukon Energy Corp. are considered to be business enterprises and therefore, employment figures are not included.

2.4 & 2.5 Unclassified employees are excluded, as well as those enterprises primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations, and military personnel of defense services. Additional employee and earnings data for other NAICS (North American Industrial Classification System) categories are available by contacting the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

2.6 The number of beneficiaries receiving total income benefits includes other types of benefits than those displayed, but excludes employment insurance claimants receiving employment and support measures benefits.

3. Consumer Prices

3.1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures price changes over time but should not be used to compare costs between provinces and cities. As of the May 2007 CPI release, the weights of various items in the basket of goods and services used to calculate the index have been updated from 2001 to 2005. In addition, the CPI base year (the period for which the value 100 is assigned to the index) has changed from 1992 to 2002. Therefore, data from this and future publications should not be compared with previously released data.

4. Rental Units

4.1 & 4.2 The Yukon Rental Survey covers all buildings with four or more units. Rentals with less than four units (such as houses, suites and duplexes) are excluded from the survey.

4.1 & 4.2 Due to non-response of a landlord in Hillcrest since September 2007, the figures for Hillcrest 2-bedroom apartments are not a complete representation of all Hillcrest 2-bedroom apartments.

5. Real Estate

5.1 & 5.2 Rounded data may not sum to totals.

5.2 The 'Family Lots' category does not include the majority of lots purchased by contractors. For further explanation, contact the Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

6. Construction

6.1 Rounded data may not sum to totals. Permits issued in the communities are totalled on a calendar month.

6.3 Rounded data may not sum to totals. Special permits or permits for demolitions may have dollar values of zero. Whitehorse permits are reported for a thirty-day period from the sixteenth of one month to the fifteenth of the following month for which the totals are reported.

7. Resources

7.1 Canadian prices are based on the conversion of US prices using the 'noon' exchange rate at month-end by Bank of Canada. Prices of gold and silver are a.m. fix prices at month-end. Prices of lead, zinc and copper are London Metal Exchange "cash seller" prices at month-end.

7.4 'Total' includes other types of refined petroleum product sales. Domestic sales are by reporting companies, are exclusive of exports and sales to other reporting companies, and are adjusted for exports and imports by non-reporting companies.

7.4 'Aviation gasoline' includes all gasoline-type fuels for piston-type aircraft engines.

8. Trade

8.4 Bank rate figures are from the last Wednesday of the month.

9. Transportation

9.1 Not included in this table are travellers entering the Yukon from another province or territory, persons entering the Yukon by air, and persons entering the Yukon by water. Conversely, totals include Fraser BC border crossing even though there is the possibility that these persons may never physically enter the Yukon.

Symbols & Abbreviations

..	too small to be expressed
(p)	preliminary figures
(r)	revised figures
x	suppressed for confidentiality
...	not available
I	January 1 to March 31
II	April 1 to June 30
III	July 1 to September 30
IV	October 1 to December 31
m^3	cubic metre
(MWh)	megawatt-hour

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